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Re: Agenda Item 45, Board Meeting Date: 12/10/19

1 message

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Tue, Dec 10, 2019 at 8:37 AM

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Honorable Board Members,

We would like our comments to be included in the informational packets relating to Agenda Item 45 which considers the reapportionment of the Transient Occupancy Tax generated in the County. I am very much in favor of eliminating the current requirement which earmarks 51% of the tax to go to tourism. I believe that Tahoe does not need further promotion; it is a redundancy to advertise what is known by history and word of mouth. We have many other agencies in Tahoe whose goal is to increase tourist revenue by advertising; we don't need the TOT which is generated mostly in the Basin to be used for advertisement.

Instead, I would like to see some of that money applied to mitigate the environmental degradation, perhaps due to this over promotion, that takes place now almost every season in our Tahoe neighborhoods caused by millions of tourists in their cars. Specifically, the potholes in our roads, the noise and clutter caused by vacation home renters in our neighborhoods which have effectively been turned into hotel districts, the trash on our beaches, overcrowding so that locals can't enjoy their communities. Ideally, tourist traffic should be kept out of our residential neighborhoods; it should be controlled by use of signage, specifically "no turn onto 50" signage as proposed by Tony Risso and Jeffery Spencer of our Meyers community; in addition that signage should be enforced; hence these would be appropriate uses for all of the 51% of the tax. We are tired of our visitors who, caught in all night traffic jams on our neighborhood streets because of apps who have directed them to these "shortcuts" find no place to relieve themselves, and find the need to defecate in our driveways and in the alleyways behind our businesses, especially those in Meyers. This constitutes a health hazard; which should be prevented with the use of TOT monies to establish convenient highway accessed restrooms outside of our neighborhoods. Monies could also be used for the locals in Tahoe; and for the benefit of those who have to suffer in their residential neighborhoods from the degradation caused by tourists who are not part of our community; specifically monies might be used to establish greenways and parks, a softball field for Tahoe Paradise Park comes to mind.

In conclusion, TOT monies should be earmarked not for tourism, but for the alleviation of the problems which over-tourism has created in our beautiful Tahoe basin. Please keep these monies where they are generated and use them to mitigate the many problems which too much advertising has now created here or use them to further beautify our Tahoe community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Regarding distribution of TOT \$\$\$

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Hello, as residents of Meyers for 42 yrs now and cabin owners/builders since 1956 we are upset at the distribution of the TOT tax dollars. The 51% for advertising for more tourists is unnecessary. We are at capacity. Our quality of life as residents is subpar now due to the sheer numbers of vehicles clogging our roads, causing residents a 12 hour drive home from work, in 4 miles. Causing us to be assaulted verbally in our neighborhoods just out walking. We do not need any more tourists, no more vehicles, a quality of life once again. Enough is enough.

The 49% of TOT taxes needs to be returned to Meyers. Our Fire Dept has subpar equipment, our transportation dept is dealing with such old equipment, we can hear it for miles. Our roads look like jigsaw puzzles, they are falling apart. Since we are guessing 98% of the TOT taxes come from Meyers we are wondering why the money hasn't remained here. Rumor has it some of the money has been given to the Veterans Affairs. So the precedent has been set. Return our money!

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